

### Typical Applications

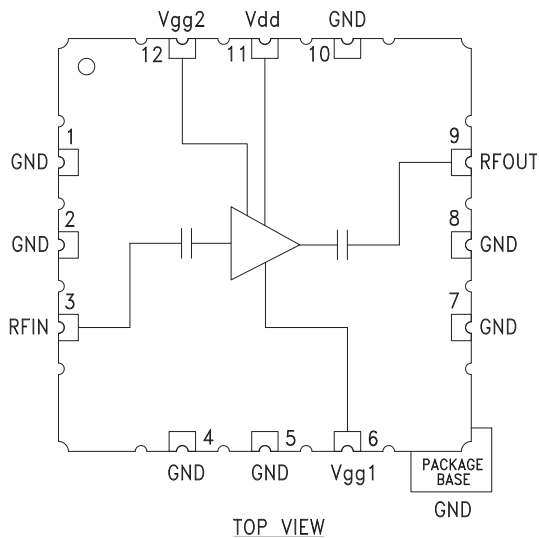
The HMC463LH250 is ideal for:

- Telecom Infrastructure
- Microwave Radio & VSAT
- Military EW, ECM & C<sup>3</sup>I
- Test Instrumentation
- Fiber Optics

### Features

- 50 Ohm Matched Input/Output
- Hermetic SMT Package
- Gain: 14 dB
- Noise Figure: 2.5 dB @ Mid-Band
- P1dB Output Power: +18 dBm @ Mid-Band
- Supply Voltage: +5V @ 60mA
- Screening to MIL-PRF-38535 (Class B or S) Available

### Functional Diagram



### General Description

The HMC463LH250 is a GaAs MMIC pHEMT Low Noise AGC Distributed Amplifier packaged in a hermetic surface mount package which operates between 2 and 20 GHz. The amplifier provides 13 dB of gain, 3 dB noise figure and 18 dBm of output power at 1 dB gain compression while requiring only 60 mA from a +5V supply. An optional gate bias (Vgg2) is provided to allow Adjustable Gain Control (AGC) of 8 dB typical. Gain flatness is excellent at  $\pm 0.5$  dB from 2 - 14 GHz making the HMC463LH250 ideal for EW, ECM RADAR, test equipment and High-Reliability applications. The HMC463LH250 LNA I/Os are internally matched to 50 Ohms and are internally DC blocked.

### Electrical Specifications, $T_A = +25^\circ\text{C}$ , $V_{dd} = 5\text{V}$ , $V_{gg2} = \text{Open}$ , $I_{dd} = 60\text{mA}^*$

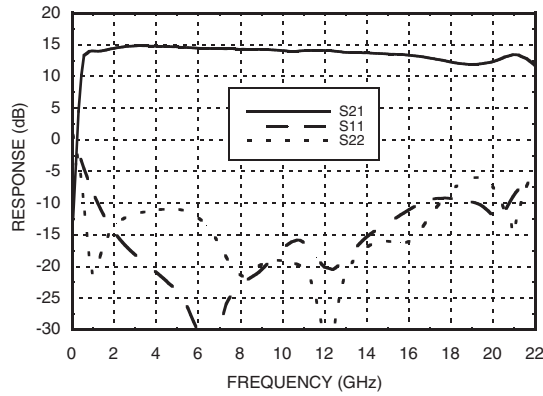
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|---|-----------|------------|------|------------|-----------|------|-------------|-----------|------|----------------------|
| Frequency Range   | 2.0 - 6.0 |            |      | 6.0 - 16.0 |           |      | 16.0 - 20.0 |           |      | GHz                  |
| Gain  | 11.5      | 14.5       |      | 9          | 12        |      | 8           | 11        |      | dB                   |
| Gain Flatness   |           | $\pm 0.25$ |      |            | $\pm 0.5$ |      |             | $\pm 0.9$ |      | dB                   |
| Gain Variation Over Temperature   |           | 0.010      |      |            | 0.010     |      |             | 0.010     |      | dB/ $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Noise Figure  |           | 3.5        | 5.5  |            | 2.5       | 4.5  |             | 4         | 5.5  | dB                   |
| Input Return Loss   |           | 15         |      |            | 15        |      |             | 9         |      | dB                   |
| Output Return Loss  |           | 11         |      |            | 15        |      |             | 7         |      | dB                   |
| Output Power for 1 dB Compression (P1dB)  | 16        | 19         |      | 13         | 18        |      | 10          | 13        |      | dBm                  |
| Saturated Output Power (P <sub>sat</sub> )  |           | 21.5       |      |            | 20.5      |      |             | 19        |      | dBm                  |
| Output Third Order Intercept (IP3)  |           | 29         |      |            | 27        |      |             | 24        |      | dBm                  |
| Supply Current (I <sub>dd</sub> ) (V <sub>dd</sub> = 5V, V <sub>gg1</sub> = -0.9V Typ.) |           | 60         | 80   |            | 60        | 80   |             | 60        | 80   | mA                   |

\* Adjust V<sub>gg1</sub> between -2 to -0V to achieve I<sub>dd</sub> = 60 mA typical.

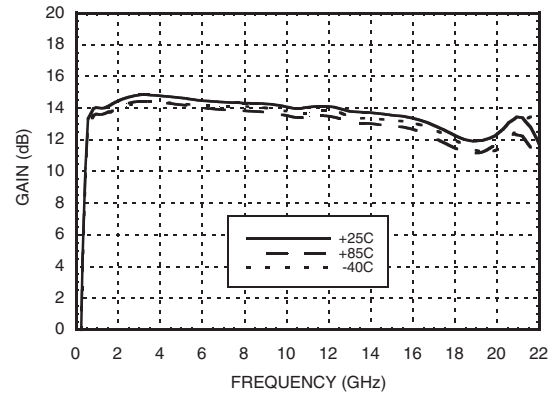


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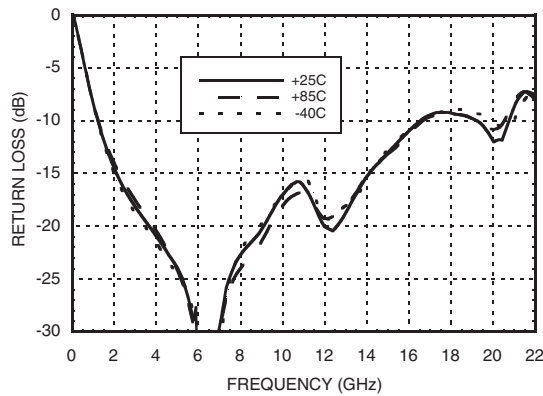
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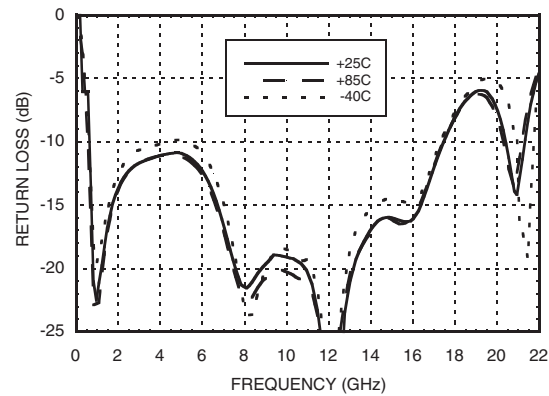
**Gain vs. Temperature**



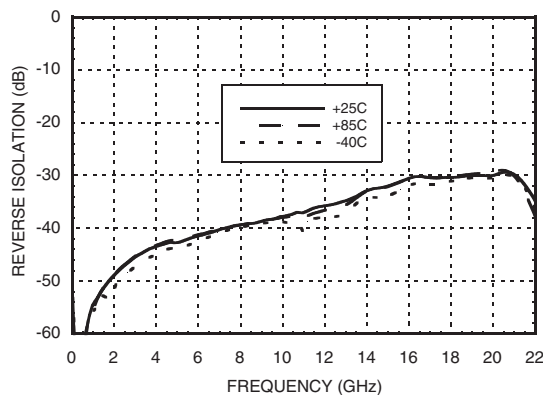
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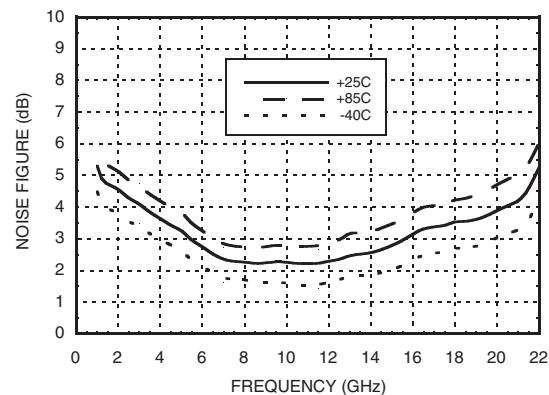
**Output Return Loss vs. Temperature**



**Reverse Isolation vs. Temperature**



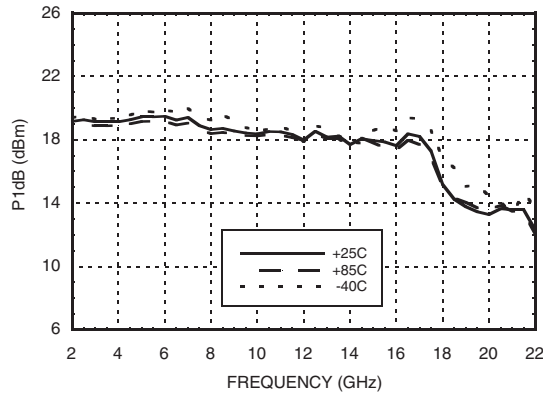
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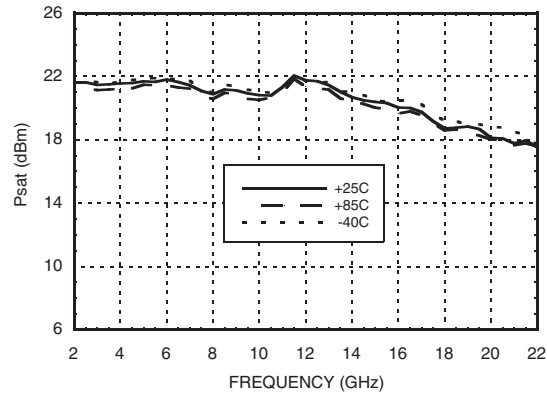


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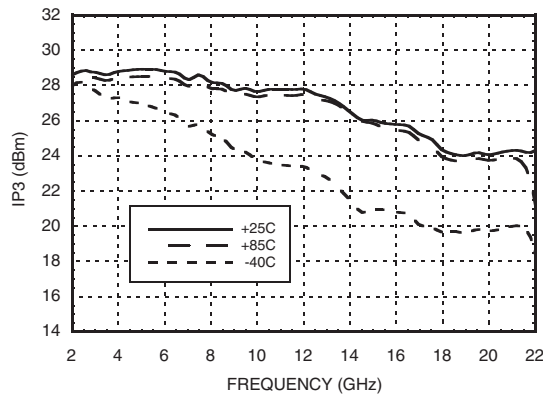
**P1dB vs. Temperature**



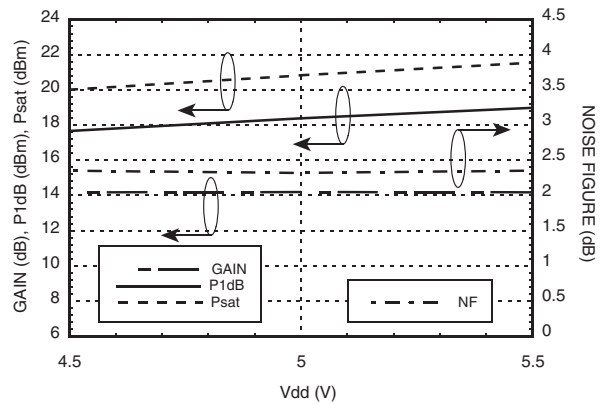
**Psat vs. Temperature**



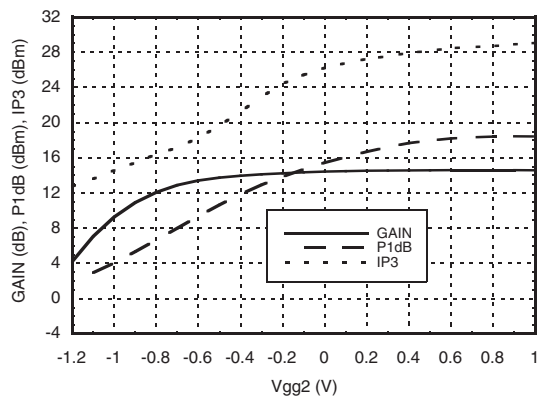
**Output IP3 vs. Temperature**



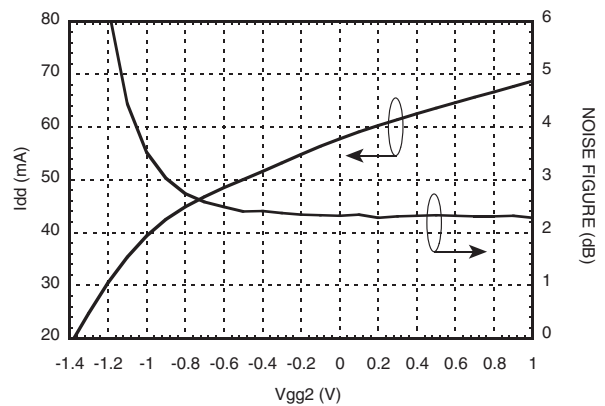
**Gain, Power & Noise Figure vs. Supply Voltage @ 10 GHz, Fixed Vgg1**



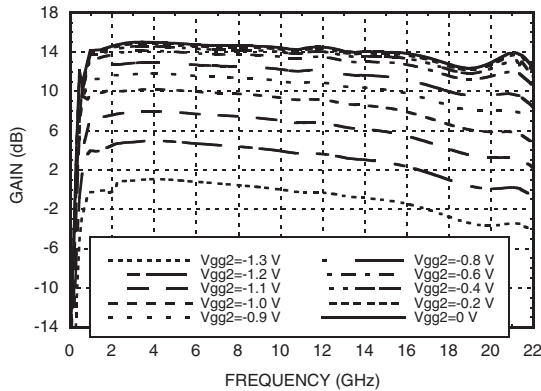
**Gain, P1dB & Output IP3 vs. Control Voltage @ 10 GHz**



**Noise Figure & Supply Current vs. Control Voltage @ 10 GHz**



### Gain @ Several Control Voltages



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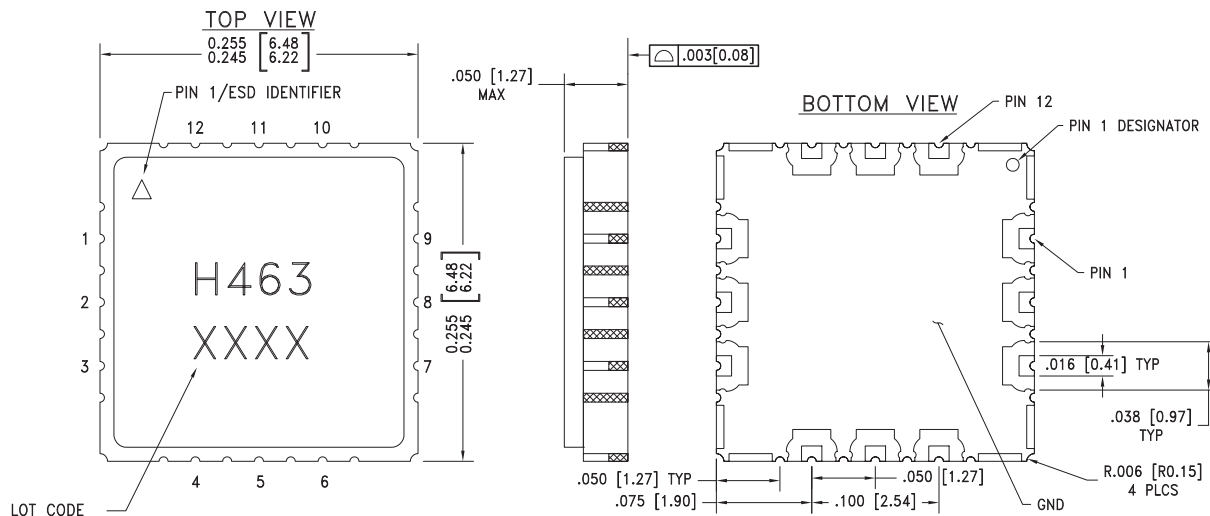
### Absolute Maximum Ratings

|                                   |                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Drain Bias Voltage (Vdd)          | +9 V                      |
| Gate Bias Voltage (Vgg1)          | -2 to 0 Vdc               |
| Gate Bias Current (Igg1)          | 2.5 mA                    |
| Gate Bias Voltage (Vgg2)(AGC)     | (Vdd -9)<br>Vdc to +2 Vdc |
| RF Input Power (RFIN)(Vdd = +5 V) | +18 dBm                   |
| Channel Temperature               | 175 °C                    |
| Storage Temperature               | -65 to +150 °C            |
| Operating Temperature             | -40 to +85 °C             |

### Typical Supply Current vs. Vdd

| Vdd (V) | Idd (mA) |
|---------|----------|
| +4.5    | 58       |
| +5.0    | 60       |
| +5.5    | 62       |


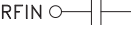
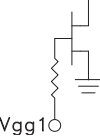
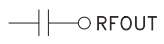

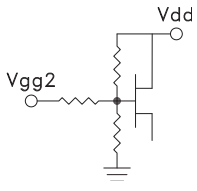
### Outline Drawing



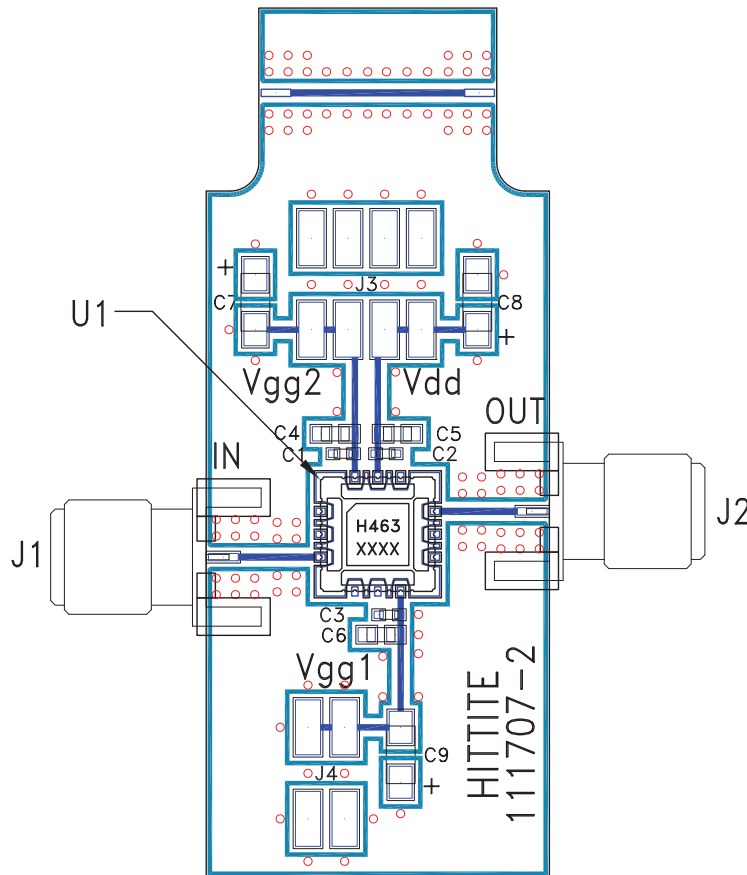
#### NOTES:

1. PACKAGE BODY MATERIAL: CERAMIC & KOVAR
2. LEAD AND GROUND PADDLE PLATING: GOLD 40-80 MICROINCHES.
3. DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES [MILLIMETERS].
4. LEAD SPACING TOLERANCE IS NON-CUMULATIVE.
5. PAD BURR LENGTH 0.15mm MAX. PAD BURR HEIGHT 0.25mm MAX.
6. ALL GROUND LEADS AND GROUND PADDLE MUST BE SOLDERED TO PCB RF GROUND.

**Pin Descriptions**

| Pin Number              | Function | Description   | Interface Schematic   |
|-------------------------|----------|---|---|
| 1, 2, 4, 5,<br>7, 8, 10 | GND      | Ground paddle must be connected to RF/DC ground.  |    |
| 3                       | RFIN     | This pad is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.  |    |
| 6                       | Vgg1     | Gate control for amplifier. Adjust to achieve I <sub>dd</sub> = 60 mA.                      |    |
| 9                       | RFOUT    | This pad is AC coupled and matched to 50 Ohms.  |    |
| 11                      | Vdd      | Power supply voltage for the amplifier. External bypass capacitors are required             |    |
| 12                      | Vgg2     | Optional gate control if AGC is required. Leave Vgg2 open circuited if AGC is not required. |  |

**Evaluation PCB**



**List of Materials for Evaluation PCB 111709 [1]**

| Item    | Description                  |
|---------|------------------------------|
| J1 - J2 | SRI K Connector              |
| J3 - J4 | 2 mm Molex Header            |
| C1 - C3 | 100 pF Capacitor, 0402 Pkg.  |
| C4 - C6 | 1000 pF Capacitor, 0603 Pkg. |
| C7 - C9 | 4.7 μF Capacitor, Tantalum   |
| U1      | HMC463LH250                  |
| PCB [2] | 111707 Evaluation PCB        |

[1] Reference this number when ordering complete evaluation PCB

[2] Circuit Board Material: Rogers 4350

The circuit board used in the application should use RF circuit design techniques. Signal lines should have 50 Ohm impedance while the package ground leads and package bottom should be connected directly to the ground plane similar to that shown. A sufficient number of via holes should be used to connect the top and bottom ground planes. The evaluation board should be mounted to an appropriate heat sink. The evaluation circuit board shown is available from Hittite upon request.